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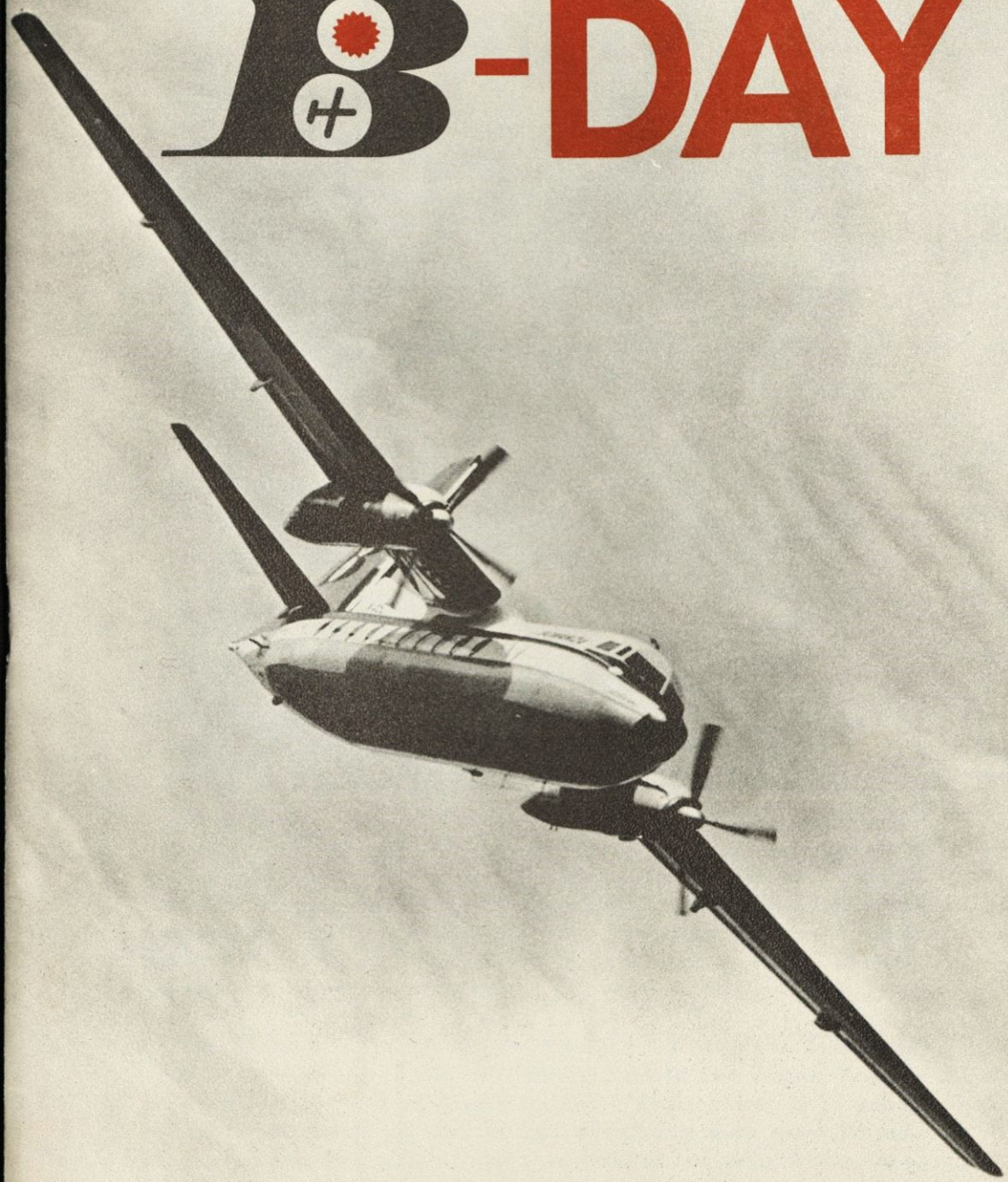

Bonanza Air Lines

Included herein are excerpts from a large number of the congratulatory messages and statements concerning Bonanza Air Lines' emergence in November 1960 as the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America. Bonanza completed its transition to an F-27 Rolls-Royce jetprop Silver Dart operation over its entire system in California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah on November 1, 1960. On that date the Company actually became the first all turbine-powered scheduled airline in the entire western hemisphere.

On November 18, 1960, a commemorative luncheon was held in the Terrace Room of the Desert Inn Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada, honoring Bonanza's historic achievement. Paying tribute to Bonanza, through their remarks and through their attendance, were some 230 peole, representing all facets of American aviation, including leaders from the Congress, the executive branch of the Federal Government, trunk and local service airlines, aircraft manufacturers and suppliers, state and local governments, communities in the west, and representatives of the local, state and national press.

DIRECT QUOTATIONS FROM SPEAKERS AT THE COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, NOVEMBER 18, 1960

George Haddaway – Editor and Publisher Flight Magazine:

"A hearty welcome to all of you who have journeyed from near and far to attend this happy gathering to commemorate this major historical milestone in aviation history. Those of us who have lived so close to the air transportation revolution of the past decade are especially proud to celebrate Bonanza Air Lines' major break-through--its achievement in becoming the world's first all turbine-powered airline.

"There are so many dignitaries present that I am not going to attempt to introduce them. The time will not permit the reading of the flood of congratulatory messages. We cannot pay proper tribute to all of the wonderful Bonanza employees who have had a part in making this one of the outstanding historical accomplishments. In short, I think everyone here knows nearly everybody else. We want to make it a family gathering just to come down to tell Ed and his staff 'We're mighty proud to know you.' "

Honorable Rex Bell – Lieutenant Governor, State of Nevada:

"I want you, President Ed of Bonanza Air Lines, to know how much the people of the State of Nevada think of Bonanza Air Lines. We're mighty, mighty proud of our airline. We also appreciate the great help that this home airline of ours plays in the economy of the State of Nevada. We know that it is going to grow and grow and grow, and in the future will tie Las Vegas and our other Nevada cities to many, many other cities of the middle west and of the west."

U. S. Senator Howard Cannon (Nevada):

"This is a proud day in Southern Nevada and in the life of Bonanza Air Lines, and we are proud in the accomplishments that they have achieved and the way that they have helped to develop our community, our State, and our nation."

Honorable John Bell Williams – Congressman (Miss.), Chairman, Aviation Sub-Committee, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee:

"Bonanza is to be congratulated on this history making achievement. I can certainly appreciate and understand the significance of the accomplishment which we commemorate here today, and I am pleased to join my colleagues and others in extending heartiest congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines on this accomplishment. Indeed, Mr. Converse, you have written the blueprint of local service aviation for the future."

Stuart Tipton – President, Air Transport Association of America:

"I speak for the airlines of the nation. There are, I think, 49 members of our association, and it is really difficult most of the time to be able to say anything on their behalf with which they would all agree. It is not hard today. It is not hard for me to say congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines for their achievement, because it is a real one, a very important one. But let's not get the notion that this is the first achievement of Bonanza Air Lines or of the local service industry of which they play such an important part. The local service airlines, just after World War II, undertook a tremendously difficult job in the air transport industry, that of serving small communities, serving short-hauls, serving many thin routes. They took on that job with great enthusiasm, a job that would, and did, make air transport operators kind of cringe. But they took it on and with a spirit of innovation and great aggressiveness and great efforts and development; they have been successful. And in being successful, they have brought air transportation and its benefits to a very, very large segment of the American people. The air transport industry is proud of the local service airlines for their innovations, for their courage and determination in undertaking this job, and particularly today I know I can speak on behalf of the air transport industry in saying we are proud of Bonanza Air Lines."

(From left) Stuart G. Tipton, President of the Air Transport Association of America; The Honorable Whitney Gillilland; Joseph P. Adams, Executive Director for the Association of Local Transport Airlines; and Bonanza President Edmund Converse at the reception held just before the luncheon.

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Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon – George E. Haddaway, Editor-Publisher of Flight Magazine – introduces Frank W. Beer who has served on Bonanza's Board of Directors since February, 1951.

General Joseph P. Adams – Executive Director, Association of Local Transport Airlines:

"Today we are here on this occasion to honor Bonanza Air Lines. The fact that Bonanza Air Lines is the first airline to have all turbine-powered engines is not an accident. It is the result of progressive, far sighted management, and many people here today have paid tribute to that management. But I would just like to say in closing that the people that we should think of today and the people that are the victors in this whole development are the air passengers of the State of Nevada and of the adjoining states, because now these passengers are able to ride in pressurized, turbine-powered,

air conditioned aircraft, and what is more important in the west, they have this beautiful scenic window in the F-27's, and where can you have greater scenery than in the west. So truly today is not only Bonanza's day, it's the passengers' day, and we're all very happy about it."

George Prill – Deputy Director of Flight Standards, Federal Aviation Agency:

"I bring best wishes and congratulations from Pete Quesada. Over and above that, I think that all of you who will be leaving this wonderful meeting would be interested to know that we pulled the files and checked, and we find, as we would have expected to find, that we can report to you officially that Bonanza has had an excellent record. The safety record speaks for itself. Their pilot training and crew training is first rate. They have no violations working against them. Their maintenance has been exemplary, and they are extending their overhaul time. The Rolls-Royce engines in the Silver Darts are now up to 2,000 hours and expecting to go all the way up to 3,000. All in all, to summarize the official report, we don't think you could go home a better way than Bonanza. Congratulations."

Honorable Whitney Gillilland – Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board:

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"This is a monumental day in the history of transportation, and in the history of aviation. It marks an advancement so significant that an all-jet operation was beyond the dreams of men until very recent years.*** Intermingled with our great pride of achievement is an inescapable and deep sentiment of regret for the passing of that fine old champion, the dependable, colorful workhorse, the DC-3, which has contributed so much to the development of commercial aviation...."

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"The Civil Aeronautics Board has a substantial interest in the event we celebrate. There are many reasons. I shall mention two. First, there is the fundamental reason, that we are charged by law with the encouragement and development of an air transportation system properly adapted to the present and future needs of the foreign and domestic commerce of the United States, of the postal service, and of the national defense. This is a great step along the path. Second, the included corollary, the Board's concern with problems of financing and local service subsidy. The traffic-building potential of the fast, comfortable, economical, and larger F-27's puts another aspect on those problems.

"The Board certificated Bonanza, as it did other local service carriers, for the primary purpose of serving the air transportation needs of the communities in its area and to do so in a manner that would foster the development of a sound pattern of local air service. As you know, there are several statutory public interest factors

which must be considered, such as available traffic and cost to the government. The continued existence of the carrier depends upon the possession of one basic quality--the ability to provide a convenient, economical, and attractive service to the users of air transportation. What mark of achievement could be more indicative of the carrier's role in air transportation than the provision of all-jet service? We may in the future come to believe that other achievements are more important, but in this 'jet age' there is nothing more significant.

"The local service carriers are all children of the Board in the sense that the Board established them. Bonanza is the second youngest of them. In 1950 Bonanza carried 19,000 passengers, took in $262,000 in passenger revenues, had nine stations in operation, and averaged five passengers on board per flight. In fiscal year 1960, by way of contrast, there were 244,000 Bonanza passengers, $4,254,000 in passenger revenues, 25 airports being served, and an average of 13 passengers on board per flight.

The Honorable Whitney Gillilland, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, speaking before the 230 guests at the commemorative luncheon.

"Such an accomplishment, much more than a 1000% advancement, required vision, courage, efficiency, and industriousness of a high order. I congratulate President Converse, the officers, directors, and staff of Bonanza on possession of these qualities in abundance. It is not surprising then to find Bonanza posting the mark of first among all the carriers, local service and trunk, to achieve a total fleet of turbine-powered craft."

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"This is a time for initiative, promotion, and enterprise. It is a time to go out and get the business. Bonanza has proved that it is good at initiative, promotion, and enterprise."

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EXCERPTS FROM SOME OF THE MESSAGES RECEIVED UPON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONANZA AIR LINES' TOTAL CONVERSION TO ALL JET-POWERED SERVICE WITH THE F-27A JETPROP SILVER DART.

Richard Alexander – Vice President, Alexander & Alexander, Insurance:

"I was grateful to be included in the celebration. It was the finest thing of its kind that I have ever attended. I was particularly gratified to see how many people came from so far away because this was the most eloquent tribute to you and your great team that I can imagine."

Bob Allen – President, Airline Textile Manufacturing Co.:

"Heartiest congratulations on being the world's first all jet powered airline. We are proud and happy for you. Here's wishing you continued success."

William M. Allen – President, Boeing Airplane Company:

"I congratulate you on the progressive steps that you have taken to bring about the result that you are celebrating."

Arizona Hotel Association – Reade Whitwell, President, Phoenix, Arizona:

"I am pleased to quote the following resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Hotel Association held at the Wigwam on November 14, 1960:

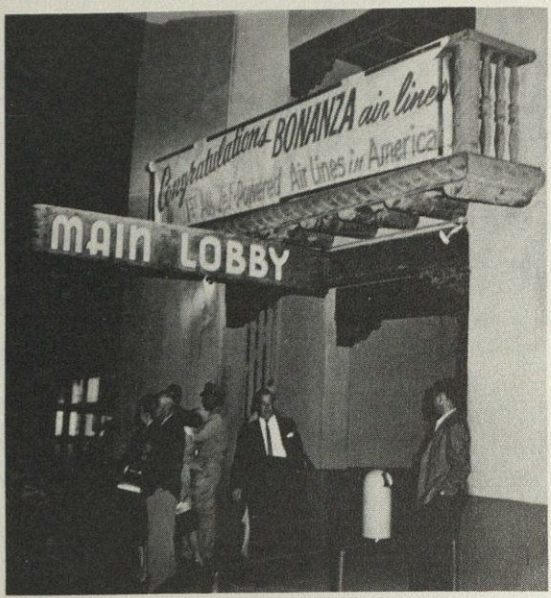
'WHEREAS Bonanza Air Lines, Inc. is the first air line in the United States to switch its entire fleet to jet-powered planes; and

'WHEREAS Bonanza Air Lines, Inc., by virtue of its improved equipment and service, has made a substantial contribution to travel facilities in Arizona;

'NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the hotel industry of Arizona extend to Bonanza Air Lines, Inc. its salutations and congratulations on the growth and progress of Bonanza Air Lines, and that the gratitude and appreciation of our Association be conveyed to the management of Bonanza Air Lines, Inc.

'BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Hotel Association continue with its plan of providing adequate visitor accomodations, to the end that all visitors who may come into Arizona by Bonanza Air Lines or over other transportation lines may be adequately housed and provided for.

'BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Association's recognition of the faith and confidence of Bonanza Air Lines, Inc. in Arizona, as manifested by its improved equipment and schedules, be hereby acknowledged and expressed.' "



McCarran Field, Las Vegas, salutes Bonanza.

James W. Austin – President, Northeast Airlines, Inc.:

"My best wishes and congratulations to you and all in your company on this progressive step in aviation history."

David H. Baker – President, Capital Airlines, Inc.:

"Congratulations to you and Bonanza Air Lines on this achievement, and best wishes for the future."

G. T. Baker – President, National Airlines, Inc.:

"I want to congratulate you and your associates most heartily on becoming the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America. This is indeed a great milestone. You can be justly proud of the progress which has been made by Bonanza."

Charles E. Beard – President, Braniff Airways:

"My heartiest congratulations on the accomplishment of an all-jet-powered airline on November 18!"

U. S. Senator Wallace F. Bennett (Utah):

"I am happy to congratulate you on your wonderful 'first'. I know it will be a thrilling occasion and I wish I might have a part of it."

U. S. Senator Alan Bible (Nev.):

"The complete conversion to all jet-powered scheduled airline service of Bonanza Airlines, thus making Bonanza the first airline in America to accomplish this, is indeed a milestone in aviation history and something that you and all the fine people connected with Bonanza have every right to be proud of."

V. A. Bordelon – Manager, Transportation Department, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce:

"Bonanza has certainly made a mark in aviation history in becoming the first all-jet airline in the United States. We here at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce are proud that Los Angeles receives the benefit of Bonanza's air service."

F. C. Bradshaw – Manager, 15th & Charleston Branch, First National Bank of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada:

"Being the first all jet-powered airline in America is truly a reason for celebration, especially since it is Nevada's own Bonanza Air Lines' accomplishment."

U. S. Senator Styles Bridges (New Hampshire):

"In view of the remarkable accomplishment Bonanza has achieved, I would like very much to be with you on November 18."

Governor Edmund G. Brown – State of California:

"Please express my sincere regret at my inability to be present and extend my best wishes to all assembled for a most enjoyable occasion."

E. O. Cocke – Sr. Vice President & System General Manager, Trans World Airlines, Inc.:

"Sincere congratulations to you on this important date in Bonanza's history as the first all jet powered airline in America. You can be proud of setting new high standards for speed and comfort. We salute our interline partner Bonanza Airlines for their achievements in the development of operational capability with the F-27A jet powered Silver Darts. My best wishes for continued growth and success."

Collins Radio Company – R. Craig Christie, Aviation Field Engineer, Western Region:

"We would like to extend our sincere congratulations on Bonanza's achievement of being the first All Jet-Powered Airline in America. Being a supplier of Electronic equipment to the airline, we are keenly aware of the competition which exists between the various airlines. Bonanza's achievement, under this intense competition certainly is to be admired."

John H. Connelly – President, Pacific Air Lines, Inc.:

"Congratulations on your nice operation which has resulted in the first local service conversion to all jet powered aircraft."

James Cooper – Manager, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce:

"May I offer congratulations at this time for this tremendous accomplishment and for the continued success of Bonanza Air Lines.

"We consider it a distinct pleasure to have your company so capably serving Palm Springs."

Mollie Cullum – Arizona Maine Chance, Scottsdale, Arizona:

"Congratulations on this big day."

Honorable Charles C. Dail – Mayor of San Diego:

"I do want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations for this conspicuous achievement, and my very best wishes for a most enjoyable occasion."

William R. Daly – Traffic Manager, Port of San Diego:

"This affair commemorates a major step in the history of American aviation. For a progressive airline to become the first in America to utilize all jet-powered equipment is certainly a milestone in aviation history.

"We at the Port of San Diego trust that the foresight and aggressiveness of Bonanza Airlines in making this major forward-step will be amply rewarded with every possible success. We believe the public will recognize such leadership by their utilization of your services."

Frederick Davis – Vice President & Asst. to the President, Air Transport Association:

"This is certainly an exciting aviation milestone that you are observing, and I wish I could share it with you. In any case, however, please accept my warmest congratulations and good wishes. I know you all are extremely proud to be able to achieve this 'first' – as you have every right to be."

T. H. Davis – President, Piedmont Air Lines, Inc.:

"Heartiest congratulations on becoming first all jet airline."

Dixie Cup – Division of American Can Company – James W. Stitt, Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager:

"We are very happy to have played a small part in the continued growth and success of Bonanza Air Lines."

Congressman H. A. Dixon (Utah):

"I surely regret not being able to attend your celebration on November 18 of becoming the first American airline to convert completely to jet power service.

"It displays magnificent planning and foresight on your part to pioneer the field of fast, ultramodern, short-haul equipment.

"Best wishes to you for continued success."

John W. Dregge – Chief, Routes Division, Bureau of Air Operations, Civil Aeronautics Board:

"My very sincere congratulations to you for this outstanding achievement."

Terrell C. Drinkwater – President, Western Air Lines, Inc.:

"To you and your associates, congratulations and best wishes on becoming the first all-jet-power airline in America."

Bill Duflock – General Manager, El Centro Chamber of Commerce:

"Accept our heartiest congratulations upon your becoming first all jet-powered airline in America. El Centro and Imperial Valley are happy to be included in the route receiving this outstanding air service. We hope for you and Bonanza every success and, as you say, wherever we want to go we can now jet there in a hurry."

Honorable James R. Durfee – Judge, United States Court of Claims, Washington, D. C.:

"During the past decade, we at the Civil Aeronautics Board had abiding confidence in the management and the future of our country's local service airlines. Because the Board and your industry saw the need for new aircraft of the type of the F-27, we stood together in urging the Congress to adopt the federal guaranteed loan program.

"Your celebration marks the successful fruition of all our joint efforts. I know that your greatest reward is the realization that this improvement in the service and efficiency of your airline is in the best interest of the public which you serve so well.

"Congratulations and Best Wishes!"

William B. Eagleson, Jr. – Sr. Investment Officer, Girard Trust Corn Exchange Bank of Philadelphia:

"I congratulate you and your associates on bringing Bonanza to the position of being the 'First All Jet-Powered Airline in America', and I am proud that we have been able to make some contribution toward this achievement."

Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation – Sherman M. Fairchild, Chairman of the Board:

"Your company and you certainly deserve to be proud of the record of being the first All Jet-Powered Airline in America."

Governor Paul Fannin – State of Arizona:

"May I at this time extend my congratulations and best wishes to you and Bonanza Air Lines on the attainment of your completely jet-powered scheduled airline service."

Dorothy M. Forbes – Ass't Chief (Local Service), Routes Division, Civil Aeronautics Board:

"Please accept my congratulations on Bonanza's achievement and best wishes for Bonanza's continued growth and success."

John R. Franks – City Attorney, Phoenix:

"I want to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and my congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines in connection with this commemorative event, and also my very best wishes for a continuance of your successful operation."

Jim W. Gerard – Merchandising Manager, Phoenix Republic and Gazette:

"Let me be one of the hundreds to offer my sincerest congratulations to you and Bonanza."

U. S. Senator Barry Goldwater (Ariz.):

"Arizona has watched with great pride the development of your air line, and I know I join my fellow citizens in congratulating you on this important milestone in aviation progress when your company becomes 100% jet.

"By coincidence I am dictating this letter 16,000 feet over the Atlantic on my way to Miami, and the airplane happens to be an F-27. I look forward to the opportunity of flying it later on this year."

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company – D. W. Critchfield, Manager, Aviation Products:

"Congratulations to Bonanza on being the 'First All Jet-Powered Airline in America.' "

Grimes Manufacturing Company – Robert Vincent, Director of Public Relations:

"Grimes Manufacturing Co. is most happy to add its congratulations to Bonanza as of November 18, when it becomes the first All Jet-Powered Airline in America. It must be a most satisfying experience to take this pioneering step."

Lewis E. Haas – General Manager, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce:

"The Phoenix Chamber of Commerce sends its best wishes to President Ed Converse and his associates and congratulates Bonanza on being now the 'First All Jet-Powered Airline in America."

Honorable A. Allen Hall – Mayor, Santa Ana, California:

"May I congratulate you on the 'First All Jet-Powered Airline in America!' "

Congressman Oren Harris (Ark.) – Chairman, House Interestate & Foreign Commerce Committee:

"I shall endeavor to be with you as I advised you in our telephone conversation for this important meeting on November 18."

Vern Haugland – Associated Press, Washington, D. C.:

"Congratulations on becoming the first of our airlines to go completely to turbine power. It is indeed pleasing to have a local service operator gain this distinction."

U. S. Senator Carl Hayden (Ariz.) – Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations:

"Bonanza's conversion to an all jet-powered operation with its fine fleet of F-27 jetprop Silver Darts is indeed a splendid aviation achievement. We in Arizona feel that Bonanza is our own airline and we thus take a great deal of personal pride in the remarkable progress you have made.

"This highly significant aviation milestone demonstrates real industry leadership on the part of your company and foretells a bright future in continued growth and expansion, in which I know the people of Arizona and other Western States will be proud to share.

"Please accept my warmest congratulations for your very commendable achievement."

The Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, salutes Bonanza.

Sherman Hazeltine – Chairman of the Board, First National Bank of Arizona:

"Certainly this is a significant milestone for Bonanza and we in First National join in sending felicitations.

"I had a pleasant flight to and from Salt Lake via Bonanza recently and particularly enjoyed the courteous manner in which officers and hostesses alike treated the passengers. You may well be proud of your fine airline."

Ray Helgesen – Secretary-Manager, Bisbee Chamber of Commerce, Bisbee, Ariz.:

"This is a very great forward step in the service you are providing to the cities you presently serve and plan to serve. We offer our congratulations on this major break-through to jet-powered equipment that has been completed by your airline."

Air France congratulates Bonanza.

Congressman Robert W. Hemphill (S.C.) – House Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee:

"I would love to be with you but previous commitments will keep me from coming out for this memorable occasion."

James W. E. Humphrey – Director-Public Relations, Lake Central Airlines, Inc.:

"Congratulations on achieving one of the most significant firsts yet established in the airline industry by becoming this country's only airline operating exclusively with a jet-powered fleet of aircraft. All of Lake Central's officers, Board of Directors and personnel send their best wishes and regards."

IBM Corporation – R. H. Hutchings, Manager, ET Advertising Department:

"May I say congratulations to you on this achievement of becoming the nation's first all jet-powered airline. I wish you every success."

W. J. Jann – Sales Manager, Rent-A-Car Division, The Hertz Corporation, New York:

"Congratulations on becoming the first all jet-powered airline in America. Best wishes for your continued success."

Congressman George A. Kasem (Calif.):

"As one who has been and is strongly for the keeping of short-haul carriers abreast of long-haul facilities in advancement of ground and flight facilities, I am very pleased to hear of this real step forward by Bonanza Airlines in converting to all jet service. I am further pleased that this was made possible by a Federal program.

"My congratulations to you and best wishes for success."

Kidde Aero-Space Division, Walter Kidde & Co. – B. L. Eisenberger, Manager of Aviation Sales:

"I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes for continued good luck to you and the other officers and directors of Bonanza Airlines in reaching this new milestone."

Walter Kidde & Company – V. J. Hill, Vice President:

"I would like to take this opportunity to send you both my personal and our company's felicitations on the occasion of this celebration and extend our best wishes for continued success and expansion of your airline system."

Congressman Joe M. Kilgore (Tex.):

"Please accept my congratulations on your fine achievement."

Frank L. King – Chairman of the Board, California Bank, Los Angeles:

"My associates join me in extending congratulations and best wishes on your important milestone."

Lewis Larmore – Chief Scientist, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, Calif.:

"May I add my congratulations to you and wish you every continued success."

George D. Leonard – Vice President, Washington Employers, Inc., Seattle:

"Please add my most sincere and hearty congratulations to the many others that you will be receiving because of Bonanza becoming the FIRST ALL JET-POWERED AIRLINE IN AMERICA.

"You and your associates are entitled to a great deal of credit for this important mark of distinction. I extend very best wishes and am sure you will continue in the future to add many more rungs of progress on your ladder of achievement."

J. W. Letzkus – Vice President-Sales, Western Region, Trans World Airlines, Inc.:

"Heartiest congratulations to Bonanza on being first jet powered airline in America."

Congressman Glenard P. Lipscomb (Calif.) – House Appropriations Committee:

"I regret that I will be unable to be with you on November 18th for this important occasion."

Molly Low – Sales Manager, Station KGFJ, Hollywood, Calif.:

"May we add KGFJ congratulations to BONANZA AIRLINES for their excellent service and forward thinking."

Malcolm A. MacIntyre – President, Eastern Air Lines, Inc.:

"I would like to extend to you my heartiest and sincerest personal congratulations on Bonanza's successful transition to the Jet Age – may you continue to progress and prosper."

U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.):

"My congratulation to Bonanza on your outstanding accomplishment in being the first airline in America to complete the transition to an all jet-powered operation. I am glad I was able to be of assistance in furthering legislation which has opened the way for better development of our local service airlines. They perform a valuable service to the shipping and traveling public and I assure you of my cooperation in your aim toward further advancement."

Lou Marechal – Vice President & Gen'l Sales Manager, Trans World Airlines, Inc.:

"My heartiest congratulations to you for being the first all powered jet airline in America. You can certainly feel very proud of this important date."

Marion Maxfield – Vertol Division, Boeing Airplane Co., Seattle:

"Congratulations on this most important day. By being the first airline to operate an all turbine fleet Bonanza has achieved a most enviable position possible in the history of air transportation. Best wishes for continued success to you and the many other fine people at Bonanza who have worked so hard to make this day possible. Best personal regards."

U. S. Senator A. S. Mike Monroney (Okla.) – Chairman, Aviation Subcommittee, Senate Interstate & Foreign Commerce Committee:

"I am thrilled by this new step forward in commercial aviation and congratulate Bonanza and wish you every success. Best regards."

U. S. Senator Frank E. Moss (Utah):

"Personally, and in behalf of the people of Utah, I express sincere congratulations upon your complete conversion to all jet-powered scheduled airline service within the four western states served by Bonanza Air Lines.

"This is a historic milestone because Bonanza is the first airline in America to achieve this complete service. Bonanza Air Lines is one of the great American transportation companies and a pillar of western development. I know that Bonanza will continue to grow and to prosper and that all of our citizens will benefit thereby."

Tom Mulroy – Las Vegas, Nev.:

"I well realize the problems you have surmounted in achieving many firsts in air transportation. Hearty congratulations."

J. V. Naish – President, Convair Division, General Dynamics Corporation:

"I wish you much success with your all jet-powered airline service."

National Car Rental System, Inc. – Walt Phillips, Executive Vice President:

"National Car Rental System salutes Bonanza Airlines for a tremendous first in the aviation industry. My heartiest congratulations to the first all jet powered airline and regrets that I can't personally be with you to participate in the celebration of this great achievement. National Car Rentals is proud to be part of the dynamic business community of the west and share in Bonanza Airlines' significant contribution to the west's pace setting commercial development."

Ross I. Newmann – Associate General Counsel, Civil Aeronautics Board:

"It gives me a great deal of pleasure to learn that Bonanza will be the first local service airline in the country to use all jet-powered F-27 aircraft. This is a real accomplishment, and my best wishes go to you and your entire organization for continued success."

Vice President Richard Nixon:

I have recently learned that on November 18, 1960, Bonanza Air Lines will announce that it has become the first airline in America to offer exclusively jet-powered aircraft in its scheduled air service and I

wish to take this opportunity to send my congratulations.

"It is good to know that this was made possible by the aircraft fleet modernization bill, sponsored by the Administration and designed to facilitate the strengthening of the smaller airlines of the nation and to bring the great benefits of modern air transportation to many of the smaller communities of our country as well as to the large metropolitan centers.

"I am happy to see this event associated with an airline serving one of the most rapidly developing areas of the nation--the States of California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada. The achievement is certainly a great tribute to the people of those states who have shared in its attainment and who will continue to share in its benefits."

J. Geoffrey Notman – President, Canadair Limited:

"I wish to send Canadair's hearty congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines on your splendid achievement. I have followed with interest the steady growth of Bonanza."

Donald W. Nyrop – President, Northwest Airlines, Inc.:

"Congratulations on your progress. I am sorry that I will not be able to be in Las Vegas on November 18 to personally congratulate you and Bonanza Air Lines on your successes."

William J. O'Brien – Reservation Manager, United Air Lines, Salt Lake City:

"I am sure this program will be a tremendous success and my personal best wishes go to you and Bonanza Airlines for this milestone in your Company's progress."

Robert R. C. Pape – Vice President, The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York:

"I have just read in the 'Aviation Daily' the news of your big celebration in mid-November recognizing your company's status as the first all-turbine airline. Congratulations!

"This is a most important 'first' for Bonanza, and you can be sure that you and your associates have the best wishes of all of us here at Chase Manhattan for continued growth and success."

Paper Manufacturers Company – Thomas L. Lueders, Vice President-Sales:

"Our sincere congratulations on your accomplishment of becoming the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America. May this be the forerunner of continued success for you for years to come."

Many domestic and international carriers offered congratulations. Space does not allow all of them to be shown, but among the group was American, Continental, TWA, Aviacion de Maexico, Pan American, to name a few. In addition, several airlines extended their congratulations in the press and over radio.

Ralph N. Parker – Air Carrier Safety Inspector, Federal Aviation Agency:

"Congratulations on being the first all jet-powered airline in America."

Wayne W. Parrish – President and Publisher of American Aviation Publications – Editorial from December issue of Airlift:

"TO A LOCAL CARRIER in the U. S. goes the distinction of being the first all jet-powered airline in North America and perhaps in the world. As of November first, Bonanza Air Lines has been operating turboprop F-27s exclusively over its system in California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

"It is not only a mark of progress. It is also a strong indication that local carriers are eliminating small DC-3 stops which, after suitable experimental periods, have shown that they cannot support scheduled air service even with DC-3s without unduly burdensome subsidy. Cities which can support scheduled service can also provide better airports which in turn bring faster, better and more modern equipment.

"Bonanza had small beginnings within Nevada. Much of the territory it serves is sparsely settled. But through the years it has obtained strong anchors in such major-trading areas as Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Reno and Los Angeles, with its headquarters, Las Vegas, as the hub. It now operates a regional system which merits respect. We add our congratulations to the many it has received for reaching the jet-powered milestone."

W. A. Patterson – President, United Air Lines, Inc.:

"This is a memorable occasion indeed. Congratulations and best wishes."

Robert E. Peach – President, Mohawk Airlines, Inc.:

"I do want to wish you the best of success in the continuing growth of your good company and to extend the congratulations of all of us at Mohawk to you, particularly for your success in being the first among us to get out of the DC-3 class."

Warren Lee Pierson – Chairman of the Board, Trans World Airlines:

"Accept luncheon invitation November 18 with pleasure. Best wishes and congratulations."

Precision Rubber Products Corporation – E. N. Cunningham, Sales Manager:

"Congratulations on being the first All Jet-Powered Airline in America. This is certainly a testimony to your energy, determination and foresight. Please accept our most sincere wishes for your continued success."

Eugene C. Pulliam – Publisher, Phoenix Republic and Gazette:

"As one who flies many thousands of miles a year, I am pleased to learn that your fine airline has become the nation's first all-jet powered carrier.

"Congratulations and best wishes for continued success as you serve Phoenix and other fast growing areas of the West."

General E. R. Quesada – Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency:

"The conversion of Bonanza Airlines to an all-turbine fleet is indeed a significant milestone in aviation, and I wish very much that I could be wish you to celebrate the event.

"Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for a successful future for your company."

E. J. Questa – President, First National Bank of Nevada, Reno:

"Congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines for achieving the record of being the first airline in America to attain complete conversion to jet-powered scheduled airline service.

"The fact that Bonanza is a Nevada-grown and Nevada-based carrier makes this record particularly gratifying. I am sure it is a source of extreme satisfaction to you and your company.

"Please accept my most sincere congratulations on your outstanding achievement, as well as the excellent service you have extended to the people of Nevada."

Rand McNally & Company – A. Retzke, Manager, Nashville Division:

"We wish to congratulate your company for reaching this long-sought goal. We know that this will be an important day for you and we are proud to be one of your suppliers."

Aaron W. Reese – Assistant City Attorney, San Diego:

"The City of San Diego congratulates Bonanza and its officers and employees for its continued contributions to air transportation."

Congressman J. Rhodes (Ariz.) – House Appropriations Committee:

"This is truly a splendid and significant achievement which calls for recognition and congratulations. I hope you will extend my greetings to all those who attend the luncheon, as well as my sincere good wishes to all those who have shared in making Bonanza the successful and outstanding Air Line which it is."

Eddie V. Rickenbacker – Chairman of the Board, Eastern Air Lines, Inc.:

"I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating you and the other members of your organization on this auspicious occasion."

Rolls-Royce Limited – J. D. Pearson, Chief Executive, Aero Engine Division, Derby, England

"It was a great pleasure to hear that Bonanza Air Lines are now equipped entirely with turbine powered aircraft, and on behalf of Rolls-Royce I would like to offer our sincere congratulations on this achievement.

"The fact that you now have the first all-turbine fleet in America is a great credit to you and the whole of your organization at Las Vegas. It is of real satisfaction to us that all your turbine engines are Dart prop-jets built here in Derby.

"We wish every success to Bonanza in the future, and we look forward to continuing our close association with you."

Rolls-Royce Ltd. – Mr. James Wood, General Manager, Montreal, Canada:

"Rolls Royce congratulates Bonanza on achieving this unique distinction and wishes you continued success and fortune."

J. Kerwin Rooney – Port Attorney, Oakland:

"Bonanza is certainly to be congratulated upon this major achievement.

"With best wishes for your continued success."

Salt Lake Hardware Company – H. W. Russell, Industrial Sales Manager:

"Let us congratulate you and your company for this endeavor. The

writer has experienced several very pleasant trips on your Silver Dart F-27, and it is indeed a wonderful ride."

Governor Grant Sawyer – State of Nevada:

"I would like to congratulate you and all the people at Bonanza Airlines on your conversion to all jet powered scheduled airline service.

"I think the people of our State join me in a feeling of pride as Nevada's own airline becomes the first in America to achieve this stature. It is a milestone not only for Nevada but also for the history of aviation progress. It is with a deep feeling of regret that I am unable to join you on this great occasion."

Clarence N. Sayen – President, Air Line Pilots Association:

"We have noted with interest the retirement of the last DC-3 on Bonanza Air Lines and the complete conversion to turbine-powered equipment. This is more than a historical landmark in the history of your air line but is, in my view, an accomplishment in which the management and employees of Bonanza Air Lines can take great pride for the transition to an entire turbine-powered air line has been accomplished in a really professional manner.

Reno Municipal Airport's salute to Bonanza.

"We are aware of the thorough preparation and high standards of training which were established to ensure the success of this transition. We are aware of the painstaking detail, careful planning, and dedication to safety which the organization of such a program entails. The success of the program testifies to the value of that work.

"May we offer our congratulations to the employees and management of Bonanza Air Lines on this important event in the history of development of this carrier."

Robert F. Six – President, Continental Air Lines, Inc.:

"My congratulations to you in accomplishing this historic milestone at Bonanza by becoming America's first all jet-powered airline."

C. R. Smith – President, American Airlines, Inc.:

"We would like to share in the pleasure of the occasion, and Mr. O. M. Mosier, Executive Vice President, will plan to be with you then. The best of wishes."

Standard Register Company – R. S. Parker, Advertising Manager:

"We are certainly proud to be able to be associated and to serve such a progressive company as yours."

Charles H. Stout – President, Reno Newspapers, Inc., Reno:

"I am sure I join with many admirers of your organization in offering congratulations on your achievement of the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America."

Stratos Division, Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corporation – R. V. Ainger, Senior Service Representative:

"On behalf of the Stratos Division, we in the Service Department congratulate Bonanza Air Lines on being the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America--a commemorative event."

Thompson Aircraft Tire Corporation – K. G. Thomas, Vice President-Sales:

"Congratulations to Bonanza on your advancement to the operation of an all Jet-Powered Fleet. We are confident that the public will respond when the announcement is made that all Bonanza flights will be with F-27 Jetprop Silver Darts."

E. F. Timme & Son, Inc. – H. Arnold Giles, Vice President, Industrial Division:

"Please accept our congratulations for a most notable achievement and we hope that Bonanza Air Lines will continue to enjoy a position of progressive leadership."

Stuart G. Tipton – President, Air Transport Association of America:

"Let me extend my early congratulations upon the coming completion of your transition to the first all jet-powered airline. It is indeed a memorable development in aviation history, and I know it gives you a feeling of tremendous pride and satisfaction."

John Felton Turner – Attorney at Law, Oakland, Calif.:

"Please accept my best wishes on this occasion for your continued success as one of our outstanding local service air lines."

United Manufacturing Company Division, The W. L. Maxson Corporation – V. A. Stancliff, Vice President:

"Our most sincere congratulations to Bonanza Airlines on becoming the First All Jet-Powered Airline in America. We are proud that we have been able to play a part by furnishing test equipment for your overhaul shops."

Congressman James B. Utt (Calif.):

"Thank you for your letter of October 19th concerning the wonderful step Bonanza Air Lines will take in the near future to convert all your service to jet aircraft. I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to you, and I know how proud you must be."

Walter Wehner – Sales Manager, United Air Lines, Inc., Las Vegas:

"Thanks very much for thinking of me, and congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines on attaining another notable first."

Wilcox Electric Company, Inc. – Jay V. Wilcox, President:

"Relative to Bonanza Air Lines' memorable announcement to be made on November 18, 1960. You are to be congratulated on the achievement of Bonanza and of course, Wilcox Electric Company is and always has been proud to be a part of your growth."

Gill Robb Wilson – Publisher, Flying Magazine:

"Heartiest congratulations on being first to equip completely with jets. Bonanza has done an exceptionally fine job throughout its history. Having now lived on the west coast for several years, I occasionally get to ride the line and always with great interest.

"Every good wish for continued success."

Woody's Macayo Phoenix and Macayo Vegas – Woody Johnson:

"Congratulations to Bonanza Air Lines on being the first all jet airline in America."

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